

3.0 BACKGROUND RESEARCH

3.1 HISTORIC LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review for the historical resources survey of Barrio Logan included the examination of previous survey reports, professional papers, theses, dissertations, books, journal articles, and online sources that were specific to Barrio Logan and Logan Heights. The three previously completed historical resource survey reports are listed below and the remaining resources used as reference materials are cited throughout the Historic Context (Section 4.0).

- City of San Diego, Planning Department
1980 *Barrio Logan and Western Southeast San Diego Historical Survey*. On file at the Historic Resources Board Library, City of San Diego.
- City of San Diego, Planning Department
1990 *Barrio Logan Redevelopment Area Historic and Urban Resource Survey*. On file at the Historic Resources Board Library, City of San Diego.
- Brandes, Ray, ed.
1983 *Proposed East End Historic and Planned Districts*. University of San Diego, Public History 175/275. On file at the Historic Resources Board Library, City of San Diego.

The three previous surveys had different boundaries though all included at least a portion of Barrio Logan. The surveys were biased towards architectural criteria and did not include other types of cultural resources. Only the 1983 and 1990 surveys made any historic district recommendations though their findings were based on the inclusion of many buildings that have since been demolished. Because of the limitations of the previous surveys, overall they were not very informative beyond providing a record of some buildings that have been demolished since those reports were prepared.

3.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDS SEARCH

An archaeological records search was completed by the South Coastal Information Center. The records search provides a summary of known archaeological resources within a one-mile radius of Barrio Logan. This data has been used to assess the potential to discover historic and prehistoric resources (primarily deposits) within the project (see Section 4.0). The records search results included listings for 315 archaeological studies, 1,220 historic addresses, and 250 previously recorded prehistoric and historic archaeological resources within a one-mile radius of Barrio Logan.

Relatively few of the reported resources noted in the records search (250 recorded sites, excluding the 1,220 historic addresses) are comprised of, or include, materials representative of the prehistoric cultures that occupied the coastal region (N=14; 5.6%). Table 1 identifies the 33 previously recorded archaeological resources situated within the boundaries of Barrio Logan. The small number of recorded prehistoric sites in Barrio Logan is a correlation to the intensity of the development of this neighborhood since the late 1800s, which has apparently resulted in the disturbance, capping, or destruction of much of the evidence of the prehistoric occupation of the shoreline area encompassed within Barrio Logan. The

reported prehistoric resources in the records search (Table 1) consist of five temporary camps, five shell middens/heaps, three shell/artifact scatters, and one isolated artifact that are generally located along the bay shoreline and along Chollas Creek and its tributaries. Specifically, six prehistoric resources, two of which also contained historic resources, are reported at least partially within Barrio Logan.

The majority of reported historic resources within a one-mile radius of Barrio Logan consist of visible structures such as residences, commercial buildings, and industrial buildings (N=176; 70.4%). Twenty visible structures are reported within the plan area (Table 1); these include ten residences (four have been demolished), four commercial buildings, an institutional building (demolished), one industrial building (demolished), the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, the Chicano Park, the Chicano Park murals, and portions of the San Diego and Arizona Railroad and the Coronado Railroad. Chicano Park and its murals (HRB#143), the George Kostakos Commercial Building (1701-1715 National Ave.) (HRB #799), and the artwork from the demolished industrial building (Aztec Brewery) (HRB #223) are listed in the City of San Diego Register of Historical Resources. Chicano Park and its murals are eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources and the National Register of Historic Places.

The remaining 63 (25.2%) historic resources within one-mile radius of the plan area are characterized as historic deposits or features discovered during grading and excavation of private and public development or capital improvement projects. Recorded historic sites listed as deposits or features consist of cisterns, wells, privies, foundations, deposits (trash deposits/scatters), and isolated artifacts. Specifically, eight recorded historic sites containing deposits or subsurface features are located in Barrio Logan (Table 1). In addition to the recorded sites within Barrio Logan, SDI-15,118 is a large deposit of historic refuse located approximately three-quarters of a mile to the northwest of the project which is associated with garbage collection and disposal into the bay in late 1800s. There remains a high possibility that elements of this site or sites with a similar function may be found where the old shoreline passed along the project area but is now buried beneath the filled tidelands area behind the existing pierhead.

Table 1
SCIC Records Search Results
Previously Recorded Prehistoric and Historic Resources within Barrio Logan

Primary or Site Number	Listed on the Local/ State/ National Register	Type	Description
P-37-016280/ P-37-028387	Local, State, National Registers (HRB# 143)	Historic	Chicano Park ⁴
P-37-016281/ P-37-028387	Local, State, National Registers (HRB# 143)	Historic	Chicano Park Murals
P-37-016282		Historic	San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge
P-37-017271		Historic	3622 Dalbergia St, Residence
P-37-017272		Historic	3628 Dalbergia St., Residence
P-37-023905		Historic	Savage Tire Co./Aztec Brewery (demolished)
P-37-028094	Local Register (HRB# 799)	Historic	1701-1715 National Ave., George Kostakos Commercial Building

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P-37-028155		Historic	1629 National Ave., Residence (demolished)
P-37-028391		Historic	1809 National Ave., Neighborhood House (demolished)
P-37-028392		Historic	1894 Main St., E.J. Dailey Roofing/Chuey's Restaurant
P-37-028393		Historic	2185-2195 Logan Ave., Charles Swallow Commercial Building/Logan Department Store
P-37-028394		Historic	2184-2196 Logan Ave., Bank of Italy/Porkyland Tortilla Factory
P-37-028395		Historic	2154 Logan Ave., Dobler Residence/El Carrito Restaurant
P-37-028396		Historic	2174 Logan Ave., S. and Hannah Johnston House
P-37-028403		Historic	2073-2077 Logan Ave., John B. Osborn House
P-37-028404		Historic	2085 Logan Ave., Residence
P-37-028405		Historic	1951 National Ave., John P. Treahy Residence (demolished)
P-37-028407		Historic	1915-1917 National Ave., Franklin and Martha Davis Home (demolished)
P-37-028408		Historic	1921 National Ave., Aillaud House (demolished)
P-37-025680		Historic	San Diego and Arizona Railroad
SDI-13073H		Historic	Portion of historic Coronado Railroad
SDI-16690		Historic	Glass and ceramic household artifacts
SDI-12454H	Local Register (HRB# 223) (Aztec Brewery Artwork)	Historic	Features associated with Savage Tire Factory including brick and cement foundations, machinery mounts, fuel storage tanks, vulcanization vats, cisterns, elevator shaft and associated machinery, and rubber processing areas. Features associated with Aztec Brewing Company including concrete fermentation vat foundations, portion of bottling plant, concrete tanks, and piping.
SDI-17430		Historic	Trash scatter
SDI-18107		Historic	Refuse deposits
SDI-18349		Historic	Artifact surface scatter
SDI-18588		Historic	Cistern and seven subsurface deposits
SDI-55		Prehistoric	Refuse heap, shells (Ranchería de las Chollas)

Primary or Site Number	Listed on the Local/ State/ National Register	Type	Description
SDI-5931		Prehistoric	Flakes, flaking waste, hammerstone-pounder, blade fragment
SDI-12092		Prehistoric	Cobble hearths, shell, and charcoal, core tool, flakes
SDI-12093		Prehistoric	Temporary camp or habitation shell midden
SDI-12090		Prehistoric & Historic	Shell midden; historic glass, ceramic, metal fragments
SDI-17428		Prehistoric & Historic	Shell midden; historic trash scatter